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PRODUCTION OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different kinds and grade of steel production in the country, both by the Public and Private Sector Steel Plants;

(b) whether any emphasis is being laid on the production of high quality steel which could be used in the automobile industry; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) The Indian steel plants, both in the public and private sector, have been producing most of the grades of non-alloy, alloy and stainless steel, tool and die steel etc., as per the requirements of the consuming industry. A few of these are:

- Low carbon steel such as Ordinary/DD/EDD grade, Mild Steel

- Medium/High Carbon Steel

- Micro-Alloyed Steel

- Alloy Steel such as Tool & Die Steel, Ball Bearing Steel, High Speed Steel, Copper bearing Carbon Steel , Free Cutting Steel, Spring Steel etc.

- Stainless steel

- Silicon Steel (Electrical Steel) etc.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The steel producers have been putting emphasis in the production of high quality value added products including those required for the automobile industry. Government has allowed import of technology up to a limit of $ 2 million as well as foreign direct investment up to 100% under the Automatic Route through Reserve Bank of India to facilitate transfer of latest technology in the country in the iron and steel sector. While the existing steel plants under SAIL & TISCO have been modernised to incorporate the latest technological innovations, the new steel plants already commissioned and those under implementation have adopted/are adopting the latest, state-of-the-art technologies in iron and steel making as well as rolling/processing areas to enable them to produce international quality steel for all applications, including the automobile sector.

Apart from this, Government has set up a Committee including representatives from steel producers, automobile sector and research institutions to look into the specific requirements of steel by the auto sector and how the domestic industry can later to those requirements.